However at present ten new projects each costing Rs. 20 crores and abone with a capacity of 16.71 million tonnes per annum are under various stages of implementation in ECL.

As regards complaints, coal companies have set up a procedure for redressal of grievances. Regional Coal Consumers Councils have been set up in each subsidiary of Coal India Limited.

PDS Consumers in India

*754. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMFR AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the number of PDS consumers in India and its percentage to the total population?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): As per present policy of the Central Government coverage under the Public Distribution System (PDS) is universal in nature and the entire population of the country is covered under the PDS.

समुद्री उत्पादों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कार्य योजना

*755. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार समुद्री उत्पादों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किसी कार्य योजना पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) क्या समुद्री उत्पादों के क्षेत्र में विदेशी पूंजी निवेशकों ने भारत सरकार के सहयोग से संयुक्त उद्यम लगाने का कोई प्रस्ताव किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम्): (क) समुद्री उत्पादों के संवर्धन के लिए सरकार की एक निरन्तर चलने वाली कार्रवाई योजना है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Electronics and Computer Software in Thrust Sector *to* export

*756. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whethe it is a fact that Electronics and Computer Software have been identified as thrust sector for export;

(b) how many electronics and computer software units are in operation under the EOU Scheme in the country and how mony of them are located in Bangalore/Karnataka; and

(c) how many Export Processing Zones have been set up in the country and whether despite being a leading city for exports of leather garments silk, handicrafts, agarbathi/incense/perfumes and electronics and computer software, Bangalore is still to have its own Export Processing Zone and if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At present, there are 66 Electronics and Computer Software units in operation under the EOU scheme in the country. Out of them 13 units are located in Kamataka including 12 units in Bangalore.

(c) At present, there are 7 Export Processing Zones (EPZs) functioning in the country. These are at Santacruz (Maharashtra), Kandla (Gujarat), Noida (UP), Madras (T.N.), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (W. Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (A.P.)